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1. THE TRIAL OF THE FIVE ACCUSED MURDERERS OF JOURNALIST/ POLITICIAN AL-MADANI HAS BEEN RECESSED UNTIL JANUARY 16 WHEN JUDGE WILL RULE ON DEFENSE CLAIM THAT CONFESSIONS OF TWO OF ACCUSED WERE NOT TAKEN UNDER "PROPER" CONDITIONS. IN BAHRAIN, WHATEVER THE LEGAL REGULATIONS MAY BE, PROPER IS AS PROPER DOES IN SUCH IMPORTANT CASES.

2. SHIA COMMUNITY'S PENITANTIAL CELEBRATION OF THE MARTYRDOM OF IMAM HUSSAIN ON THE NINTH AND TENTH DAYS OF MUHARRAM (DEC. 30 AND 31) PASSED WITHOUT ANY UNTOWARD OCCURRENCES. BLOOD WAS SHED, BUT IT WAS DUE TO SELF-INFLICTED WOUNDS RESULTING FROM FLAGELLATION AND CUTTING AND NOT AS A RESULT OF POLITICAL DISTURBANCES AND/
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OR ETHNIC-RELIGIOUS CLASHES BETWEEN SHIAS AND SUNNIS AS SOME HAD ANTICIPATED (MANAMA 2136). POLICE AND GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES ARE SAYING THAT THE TRADITIONAL SHIA CEREMONY PASSED WITHOUT PROBLEM. EMBOFFS WHO OBSERVED PORTIONS OF CELEBRATIONS CONFIRMED THIS JUDGMENT, AND NOTED THAT POLICE, INCLUDING RIOT SQUARDS, WERE VERY MUCH IN EVIDENCE THROUGHOUT. WE ALSO HAD REPORTS THAT POLICE HAD SIGNALLED

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THEIR CONCERN AND THEIR WATCHFULNESS IN ADVANCE OF CELE-
BRATIONS BY SERIES OF APPARENTLY RANDOM ARRESTS OF
YOUNG SHIAS.
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